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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 4 line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Here, because of higher pressure in the discharge muffler chamber 293 of the second rotary compression element than intermediate pressure in the hermetically sealed container, sealing by the cover 294 is an important problem. A gasket 296 is accordingly held between the cover 294 and the support member 291, but sealing is deteriorated because the center bearing 291A side is away from the bolt. Thus, in the conventional case, a sealing surface 291B having a step was formed on a base of the bearing 291A, the gasket 296 was also held for sealing at this sealing surface 291B, a C ring 297 was attached to the bearing 291A, and an edge of the bearing 291A side of the cover 294 was pressed to the support member 291 side. Base 291C is the base of the bearing member 291A, as shown in FIG. 20. The base of the bearing member 291A is the portion where the sealing surface 291B is formed.